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FEATURE ARTICLE: CHANGES TO THE COLLECTION OF INVENTORY DATA

INTRODUCTION

The annual inventory data presented in this publication are sourced from the **Inventories of Australian Wine and Brandy** survey which includes all winemakers who have domestic wine sales in excess of 250,000 litres. After consultation with wine industry bodies, the coverage for the annual inventory figure has been expanded from just a sales basis to include all winemakers who crush more than 400 tonnes annually.

For this purpose inventory questions were included in the **2005-06 Wine and Spirit Production** survey that was sent to those winemakers that did not have sales greater than 250,000 litres, but still had a grape crush greater than 400 tonnes. These added questions asked for detail on the inventories held of beverage wine, including white table wine, red/rosé table wine and other wine products. In order to lessen the burden of filling out the survey form, breakdowns were not asked for the other wine categories, i.e. sparkling, fortified etc.

INVENTORIES OF BEVERAGE WINE

The following table shows the total inventory figure, as collected from all winemakers that crushed more than 400 tonnes of grapes annually.

There were 2,255.7 million litres of beverage wine held by winemakers at 30 June 2006.

The volume of white table wine held was 809.8 million litres. White table wine made up 35.9% of the total beverage wine stock this year.

The inventory figure for red/rosé table wine held by winemakers was 1,269.7 million litres or 56.2% of the total beverage wine stock.

Inventories of Australian beverage wine, Winemakers with a grape crush greater than 400 tonnes - 2005-06

Sales volume	Table wine		Total million L	Other million L	Total million L
	White million L	Red and rosé million L			

Greater than 250,000 litres	768.9	1 165.4	1 934.3	172.6	2 106.9
Less than 250,000 litres	40.9	104.3	145.2	3.6	148.8
Total	809.8	1 269.7	2 079.5	176.2	2 255.7

Inventories of Australian Wine and Brandy 2005-06; Wine and Spirit Production Survey, 2005-06.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS

In order to maintain comparability with previous releases of this publication, the source data for Table 18 and the section in the MAIN FEATURES titled "WINE INVENTORIES" is only taken from the **Inventories of Australian Wine and Brandy** survey, i.e. the information in Table 18 and "WINE INVENTORIES" is only gathered from those winemakers that sell more than 250,000 litres of wine annually.

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